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655	2c Edison flat plate	.22	.05		
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681	2c Ohio River	.17	.04		
682	2c Mass. Bay	.15	.04		
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688	2c Braddock	.16	.04		
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702	2c Red Cross	.10	.03		
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704	1½c Bi-Centennial	.05	.02		
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719	5c Olympic	.30	.07	.02	
725	3c Webster	.20	.05	.01	
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MAY 6

Centenary of the Postage Stamp

When this is printed, there is as yet no definite announcement that this stamp will be issued but we are going to issue a cover whether or no.

The correct anniversary date is May 6. Even if a stamp does not come every collector will want a cacheted cover for this date and what is more appropriate than the beautiful tribute to the original first stamps, the Penny Black and the Two Pence blue of Great Britain with the lovely profile of Queen Victoria.

JULY 3

Idaho—Golden Jubilee of Statehood

JULY 10

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Webster Knight Collection

At the John Hay Library - Providence, Rhode Island

By Y. SOUREN

In 1933 Col. Webster Knight departed this life and left his collection to Brown University, Providence, R. I. The collection has been left "in perpetuity" and mounting and arrangement have finally been completed. The announcement of this is a philatelic event of foremost importance and from the accounts gleaned from the philatelic and daily press, the true significance of the event and the magnitude and unique nature of the collection has not been fully appreciated. It is truly deserving of the utmost publicity, for here is a collection, the work of a lifetime, that has in a single group, one of the most complete and magnificent accumulations of blocks of United States stamps that has ever been gathered together. Through the generosity of Col. Knight, it has been made available forever for the pleasure of philatelists.

It is, of course, impossible to enumerate the contents of the collection individually, but from the few words which can be set forth here, it can be seen that there is now, for continuous inspection and study, a monumental philatelic achievement. It is more than the mere question of the money spent by Col. Knight. The collection displays pieces of such beauty and rarity that one is swept away by the mere knowledge of the existence of such things.

REGULAR POSTAGE ISSUES

1842 TO DATE

The first page of the collection displays blocks of four and eight of the first adhesive stamp to be used on the American continent . . . the 3c U. S. City Dispatch Post of 1842. Following are two sheets (complete) of twelve of the Postmasters stamps of Providence, R. I., and a sheet of the reprints of this stamp. After this follow the regular governmental issues arranged in chronological order. The 1847 series has a block of four and block of twelve of the 5c. The first is beautiful, but the block of twelve is not fresh and somewhat creased. The 10c is shown in a block of four, fresh, with big margins and neatly pen cancelled in red. It is the only used item in the entire collection, excepting the revenue issues.

1851-57

This is perhaps the weakest portion of the collection, though it is a term which can only be used in comparison with the balance. In the imperforate stamps, the 1c is shown in two types only . . . there are no blocks which show the rarer types in combination with the more ordinary ones. There is a magnificent marginal block of eight of the 1c Type 2, and several blocks of Type 4, in various shades and showing combinations of recuts. The 3c are found in a wide range of shades and include several marginal and corner blocks. The collection is not limited to blocks of four, and there are several larger blocks of this stamp. The 5c brown is one of the few blocks not found in the collection. The 10c and 12c blocks are brilliant, the 10c showing a combination of Types 2 and 3.

The perforated series of 1857 shows only a few types in the 1c. There is a block of Type 1 from Plate 12. A block of 12, showing combinations of Types 1 and 2. A block of Type 3A from Plate 11. Blocks of Type 2 from Plates 2 and 12 and numerous blocks of Type 5, from various plates. No plate 6 was noted. The 3c shows two blocks of Type 1 and several pages of Type 2, including some part sheets with imprint and plate number. The 5c Type 1 block is in the dark shade, neither the red brown nor brick red are represented. However, in the 5c Type 2, there are several blocks showing a wide range of shades. The 10c Plate 1 is shown in a single block Type 2 and 3, while the Type 5 stamps from plate 2 are found in a wide range of colors and some large blocks with plate varieties. The 12c black is represented by three blocks of four and one of 25. These are all from Plate 3. The 24c is shown in three shades and the 30c in two shades, while the 90c block is found in but one example.

1861-66

The "August" so called, shows two blocks of the 3c (sample) in shades but has a magnificent block of the 10c. The "September," so called, is a remarkable lot, complete except for the 5c buff. Many shades are found of the 1c and 3c. In the latter are to be found the pink,

rose pink, and practically a complete range of shades. It also contains some imperforate blocks including the unissued "lake" shade. The other values are shown in shades; the 24c a rather dull color but the 90c in the deep bright blue. The 2c black has several pages given to it, with blocks of various sizes. The 3c scarlet block is pen cancelled but there is a magnificent block of six of the 5c deep red brown. The 5c brown and 15c black blocks are fresh but not in the best of condition.

1867 EMBOSSED WITH GRILL

This is a remarkable group, despite the fact that several blocks are not present. Here are to be found blocks of the 3c grill all over, the 13x16 and most of the 11x13 groups. The 9x13 are complete except for the 90c. In the lower values several blocks of each, in shades are to be found.

1869

This series is complete and is notable for the freshness of every item. Some of the blocks are not centered according to the demands of condition cranks but centering must be forgotten when the rarity is considered. The 1c is shown in two shades only, but the 2c and 3c occupy several pages of shades, large blocks and include end roller grills in the margins of two of them. There is a block each of the 6c and 10c and two blocks of four and a block of six of the 12c. The 15c Type 1 block is present, not well centered, but excessively rare. The 15c Type 2 is shown in blocks of four and nine. The 24c block is present, off center, but not believed to exist any better. The 30c and 90c are brilliant and centered; magnificent is the only word to describe them. There are two blocks of the 30c original without grill. The shade of these blocks are quite different from that of the regular issue.

1870 EMBOSSED WITH GRILL

Here the 1c is found in block of 12, the 2c in several blocks, in shades, the 3c in blocks of four, of nine and an imperforate block of four. The 6c and 15c are in blocks of four and the 7c in a

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block of nine. The other values are not present.

1870 NO GRILL

All values are present in this group, the 1c, 2c and 3c in shades.

1873-75 CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO.

All values are present except the 24c with shades of the lower values. The 3c is found in a half sheet and there are several pages of 6c blocks including blocks of 6, 10 and 24. The 7c, 12c and 30c are in blocks of six. The 2c and 5c of 1875 are found in shades, and also in blocks embossed with grill. There are no blocks of special printings, but the 1c 1857 reprint is found in blocks of four and nine, the 1c reissue of 1861 in blocks of four and six and the reissues of 1869 show the 1c, 2c and 6c blocks as well as the 1c on soft paper in block of sixteen. The only other special prints are the 2c of 1883 which has the part perforate block and a fully perforated block of twelve.

1879-90 AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.

The 1879 series is complete, with some values represented by several shades. The 10c is shown in both types and there is a block of the 90c imperforate. The issues up to and including 1890 are all present and display many shades.

1893 COLUMBIAN

Complete except the 4c blue error. Many shades of the lower values. Dollar values in blocks of 4 and 8 with extra blocks of the \$2 and \$4. These are not well selected for centering but the group contains many magnificent pieces.

1894-98

The series, unwatermarked and watermark, is complete, with many shades, even up to the \$2. The imperforates are complete, four values in the 1894 series and the complete set of 1895. In addition, there are imprint and plate-number blocks of six of the 1894 imperforates. The 1898 color changes form a magnificent group of shades.

1898 TRANS-MISSISSIPPI

Complete, with shades of the values to 10c. The 50c and \$1 are in blocks of 30, the latter showing the left arrow. The \$2 is found in a fine block of eight.

TWENTIETH CENTURY ISSUES

This is an extremely beautiful group complete with the exception of four items. These are the 2c and 4c Pan American Inverts and the 4c and 8c blue paper blocks. Everything else is to be found and beautifully arranged with many shades. The collection does not contain any part perforated errors and the only thing of this nature to be found is the block of 2c Von Steuben imperforated. Through the income from the trust fund, it has been possible for the committee to bring the collection up to date and it is intended to continue the collection as it is issued.

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cial Delivery is complete and the Postage dues are an unusually fine lot. While a few of the more difficult blocks are missing, there are such things present as the 1891-93 set imperforate and the verminous of 1894.

DEPARTMENT STAMPS

In this group the collection reaches its greatest heights. It must seem that Col. Knight had a particular liking for these issues for the magnificent array defies all attempts at description. There is an example of almost every known block in this group. Not only is there such a high percentage of completeness but there are several blocks of many values, all in different shades. In cases where blocks are unknown, the item is represented by a pair, or other multiple. Among the very rare blocks are the 30c and 90c Treasury on soft paper. These two items are not in the best condition, but it is certain that better blocks were never brought to the consideration of Col. Knight.

REVENUE STAMPS

The revenue stamps form an important collection by themselves. Singles, pairs and blocks are found throughout the entire group. The imperforate first issues are complete with the exception of the 3c Playing Cards. Second issue is complete with inverters of the 50c, \$1 and \$5. Third issue is complete with the \$20 error of color and the 2c and 30c inverters. The Proprietary issues show a complete set on violet paper and up to the 10c on green paper. The 1875 Proprietary issue is complete as are the 1898 to 1902 issues. The 1898 has a vertical strip of four (complete sheet) of the \$1000 green and black.

PROOFS

There is a beautiful collection of India paper proofs, all in blocks of four. It is practically complete and is followed by an exceptional lot of revenue proofs which include the \$5000 second issue.

The collection is arranged in frames mounted in two large cases which permit them to be slid out for inspection. There are six album pages on each side of the frame which holds twelve pages, back to back. They are contained in an individual room with northern exposure and never exposed to direct sunlight. Fluorescent lighting will be provided and an air conditioning unit is being installed in the room.

Philately will be forever indebted to Col. Webster Knight and to the members of the committee who have so painstakingly prepared this great collection for public display. Every collector who has the opportunity, or who can contrive to do so, should not fail to see the collection.

Webster Knight was not the first man to leave his collection to a public institution but he is the first who has provided for the maintenance of the collection after his demise. He has left a large sum in trust and the income is to be used for continuing the collection just as if he were alive. The entire philatelic world has a debt of gratitude to the generosity of a man who could not think of

having his treasures sold after his demise and in providing his collection as a permanent memorial he has made a gesture to all Philately that leaves it forever in his debt. No little credit is due to the committee of three who have labored to arrange the collection in its present form and who have succeeded so admirably in making an ideal arrangement for permanent public display.

Hawaiian Notes

E. R. Lau of Hawaii says: "Hawaiian hospitality is such that even the local firms take advantage of it." Postmaster Albert Line asked the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce to get cooperation of local firms to deposit mails 1½ hours before sailing time instead of one hour; or that he must see to it that "Mail Will Close Earlier." This would do away with the delaying of shipping schedule to the mainland and to the various islands. Mr. Line also pointed out that the mainland post office—San Francisco—closes 3 hours before sailing time. Early mail deposits will also aid the proper cancelling of philatelic mail.—Edwin Brooks, Stamp and Coin editor, *Chicago Herald-American*.

Statler Chosen For S. P. A.

The S. P. A. Convention at Cleveland, August 29 to Sept. 1, will be at the Hotel Statler, the committee has announced. The exhibition will be in the air conditioned Euclid Room and the business sessions in an adjoining room. Exhibition lighting will be by a control method which will permit any degree of intensity of indirect lighting.

Coming Exhibitions, Annuals

Toledo, O.—Annual exhibition of the Toledo Philatelic Society, Hotel Waldorf, April 20-21.

Hartford, Conn.—Stamp Centenary exhibition in the club rooms of the Stamp Collectors' Club (location not stated), May 6 to 11.

Washington, D. C.—Postage Stamp Centenary Exhibition by the Woodridge Stamp Club, (2206 Rhode Island Ave., N. E.), Woodridge Public Library, May 6 to 11.

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Hi-Hat Sale Sets a Record

For a pair of 7c imperforate horizontally \$162.50 was paid at the Hi-Hat Auction held by the Mint Sheet Brokerage Co. at the Golden Jubilee of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. The pair was from a find last year, the full details of which have never been published, so exact number known to exist is unknown. Though floor attendance was large, most of the lots, including this one, went to mail bidders. The price realized for the 7c pair is a record for recent months for such an error.

Other stamps also brought good prices, some being surprising. Prices (all for stamps in finest condition except as noted) are recorded. Right arrow block of 24c 1918 air \$86.50; the left arrow block brought \$9.60 and the bottom arrow block \$17.50, each of these however having one or two stamps with designs touched by perfs; block of 6 \$1 Pony Express, one thin spot, \$14.50; 1c Pan-American inverted center, thin spot, \$165; \$5 Canada 1897 Jubilee used \$9.25; strip of four 3c Baseball with double paper, \$14.75; complete sheet 2c No. 499 containing two 5c errors, \$28.75; pair of 3c 1932 regular issue, imperf. horizontally, \$11.35; corner block of 30c Columbian, \$48.50; imprint block 8c Columbian, \$9; top plate block of 6 2c Lexington \$2.50; plate block 1c Columbian \$2.90; plate block of 6 1c Lexington, \$1.80; gutter block of 6 of 1c Franklin 1926-27 (three stamps on each side of the gutter which normally separates panes) \$24.25; block of No. 578, \$8.90, perfs just touching; practically perfection block of No. 579, \$5.80, bargain of the sale; a copy of 404 without gum \$17 and one with gum but slightly thinned, \$9.25; plate block of 2c 1926-27 type 2 (No. 634b) but cut by perfs, \$15.25; top plate block of 6 5c Pilgrim, \$16.50; complete booklet of 2c 1903 booklet panes, \$3.40.

It should be noted that the price for the 1c gutter block was also a new record for such varieties. The difference in realizations for the 1918 arrow blocks is due to the rarity of right and bottom blocks as to fit post office tills, the margins were removed from two sides of the sheets as printed, and generally the margins removed were at right and bottom. After each lot was sold, a tab was removed on a wall chart, underneath which had been written the top bid of the highest mail bidder. In many instances the lots sold for much less than these bids, which were of course kept secret prior to sale. Visitors were presented with cardboard black "silk hats" which were worn throughout by bidders. Nelson LaGanke, manager of the firm, acted as general manager of the sale and Don Grieve, stamp editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, as auctioneer.

* The Emperor Napoleon III had a post office for his use at the Palace of Fontainebleau which cancelled stamps on the official mail with a red star and a postmark with inscription of the palace postal bureau.

Idaho Statehood Emblem

Illustrated is the official seal design being used in Idaho to commemorate the 50th anniversary of statehood. It



was adopted by the Statehood Committee which is headed by Governor Bottolsen. Thanks to reader Frank W. Matthews, for mat of the design.

International Cover Guild

The International Cover Guild has been organized for the purpose, its sponsors say "of furthering the hobby of cover collecting and fostering and promoting good fellowship between cover collectors and those who make the cover hobby possible." Marshal Hall, 1767 Bedford Rd., Columbus, O., is President and the Secretary is J. O. Jernigan, 1014 W. Eastland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.; either of whom will gladly supply information on the club. Mr. Hall conducted cover columns for LINN'S for some years.



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Mark Hopkins First Day

Quiet Williamstown, nestled in the Berkshire mountains, took on an air of festivity on March 14th, and devoted the day to paying honor to its native son, Mark Hopkins. Williams College students showed marked interest in securing first day covers. Several aged persons spoke to me about "Mark," and the days when he was president of the college, and some few had attended college under him.

Mrs. Mary L. Dempsey, Postmaster, was a most gracious host, and opened the first day sale by presenting James B.



Baxter, President of the college, with a sheet of stamps. A great, great grandson of Mark Hopkins, now a student at the College, was also presented with a sheet of stamps. Mrs. Dempsey then left the post office and went to the home of Susan Hopkins, daughter of the famous Mark, and made a third presentation. Miss Hopkins was confined to bed due to a dislocated hip.

The front lobby of the post office was jammed at 8:15 when the windows were opened; but as early as 7:30 a line had formed at the windows. The largest single purchase was for 22000 stamps. Twenty-one clerks handled the covers. A collector from one of the western states wrote and asked the postmistress if she would send him a Massachusetts auto plate, affixed with a Mark Hopkins stamp and cancelled on day of issue. Mrs. Dempsey solved the problem by sending a number plate separately and a first day cover.

Mr. Miller, Washington cover man, supervised. Cancellations were fine, both hand and machine, and stamps were well centered with plenty of plate positions available.

Leo F. Bracelan,
New England Servicer,
Newton Upper Falls, Mass.

* A post office named "Luxemburg" has been established in Dubuque County, Iowa.

Tribune Criticises "Endless Flood"

The Chicago Sunday Tribune of March 17, printed an article, which implied political motives to the issuance of many recent U. S. Commemoratives; also that revenue received from collectors was another major reason for so many new stamps. The Tribune article stated that an "estimated \$8,800,000" is taken from the "pockets" of stamp collectors for new stamps, but did not state who had done the estimating nor give the source of the figures. The issuance of stamps for such occasions as the Susan B. Anthony (16th anniversary of 19th Amendment), 50th anniversary of Statehood and 80th anniversary of Pony Express were particularly scored for their alleged political implications.

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Editor's Notebook

CONVALESCING During February and much of March, the writer was having a struggle with his dentist who insisted that a row of teeth be removed, and after that ordeal, it has been some task to drive the devils and snakes that were released into the system, out of the body. This has been pretty well accomplished however and now our Editor Bob Richardson has to be attacked by that old bogey man appendicitis.

This means that your writer will have to struggle along for a matter of a month or thereabouts with the work of preparing copy and trying to keep the readers satisfied. This, on top of all the other details that must be looked after, is going to make some load to carry but always having been a glutton for work when work must be done, we will in some manner accomplish the task.

"Bob," as we all know him best, felt a pain in his tummy at noon on April 3. About 3 p. m., this pain developed much more severely and he called a taxi and

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A stitch watermark was then applied and the patient soon recovered from the benzine bath and is reported to be resting peacefully with plenty of spare time on his hands.

Bob will doubtless be in the Hospital for a couple weeks or probably until about April 18. We know that an old fashioned Post Card Shower would be much appreciated at this time and cards can be addressed to him either at St. Anthony's Hospital or to this office.

It would seem to be the height of cooperation when a stamp club secretary calls on his stamp club president for an operation of this nature. Perhaps the cooperation will extend throughout the ordeal and the usual 50% discount that seems to feature all business between stamp collectors will make the patient recover much more rapidly. —G. W. L.

Perfs and Imperts

WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT the first of the A. P. S. Medals has been presented John N. Meyer of New York City. We have editorially praised Mr. Meyer's articles as excellent examples of the best type of philatelic research, and apparently the judges of the articles printed in the 1939 American Philatelist also felt the same way.

THE EUROPEAN WAR IS HAVING philatelic repercussions. Editor Armstrong of *Stamp Collecting* fell during a black-out and dislocated his elbow and shoulder so that he was rendered "hors de combat." We're going to be careful during the next Columbus "smog" as it should approximate a black-out.

MAYBE WE MISUNDERSTOOD, but in "Young Tom Edison" in the opening part of the picture, the mailman refers to the inscription on a "postal card" from a relative of the elder Edison. Since there were no postal cards until 1873 and none were authorized prior to 1872, it appears the movies have pulled another of their usual boners.

DON DICKASON OF WOOSTER pulled a surprise when an auction catalog came in from him last week. Don is having one final windup sale after being out of the auction business for several years.

"IF AN OFFICER OF A STAMP club steps out and does things that he thinks should be done (without consulting all the critics); he is accused of trying to run the club. If he doesn't take the initiative, then he is roundly accused of doing nothing (by the same critics)." So says Oswald Glop, our Greasy Ridge, O., correspondent.

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U. S. NOTES

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A few collectors have been trying to form collections of stamps showing how those stamps make postage rates. It's an interesting sideline to try to complete for the Presidents. A single 1c can be used of course upon a post card; it also can be upon a locally addressed letter mailed at a post office which has no carrier service; or upon a receipt for non-insured parcel post. The lower values are easy to properly use by themselves on covers, but the higher values require some ingenuity and a study of fees for special delivery and registry.

A letter to Linprint from a New Orleans reader, franked with only a 2c stamp arrived without postage due the other day.

Hoover Bros. February number of their house organ, "The Precancel Herald" contains discussion of precancels on issues before 1894. They state that evidence (with which we agree) shows that whatever that "precancel" listed by Scott on the 1847s may be, it certainly has no claim to being a precancellation. We too think that it is a sort of control mark, which was applied before the stamps were separated. This marking is merely an exceptionally heavy impression of the grid cancellation of Wheeling (then Va., now W. Va.) applied at the junction of each four stamps, so that only approximately a quarter of the marking appears on one corner of each stamp. The stamps when used were again cancelled with an impression of either the identical grid or one very much like it. We wonder if any specimens of '47s are known on covers from Wheeling without the "whatisit"? If none are known, then it is conclusive the marking was a control marking and not a cancellation. The added impression of the grid when the stamps were used, indicates the first impression was not considered as a cancel.

The fact that your U. S. stamp with colored guide line on one side may also be reperforated should not be taken for granted. Many stamps were normally perforated along either the horizontal or vertical guide line; occasionally on both. Collectors should remember that it is the practice of the Bureau to put full sheet markings on all plates, no matter what the size (the only exceptions being the souvenir sheets such as Chicago, White Plains, etc.). As an example of variation, in the 1922-23 series flat plate printing, all values 1/2c to 50c are normal with the guide line showing only on a straight edge, if your copy has a guide

line on a side that is perforated, you can be certain it has been reperforated. The \$1.00 and \$2.00 are normal if horizontal guide lines are straight edges and vertical guide lines perforated, as these two stamps were printed from 200 subject plates which were cut on the horizontal guide line into two panes of 100 each before being issued. The \$5.00 however is normal with perforated guide lines in both directions as it was printed in sheets of 100 with full markings and issued in that size sheet.

A copy of 3c No. 207 is submitted in a decided blue instead of the normal green. This is undoubtedly a changing as green stamps can be changed to blue by simple chemical action.

From Santa Ana, Calif. is noted an unusually light cancellation on letter mail. It consists of a single-line oval about 1x1 1/4 inches at its widest points, with no lettering or inscription whatsoever. The line itself is a very thin one. Evidently something locally prepared.

The Parcel Post stamps, as reader Harry Himmelfarb points out, were valid for postage on letter mail, but were not generally so used. They are occasionally found on post cards and letters of the period when the stamps were being used and have been noted used on commercial mail as late as 1925 or so, as at that time the 1c and 2c were still worth very little over their face value.

The likeness of the late Senator Borah will not adorn the stamp due in July for the 50th anniversary of statehood of Idaho. Postal officials stated the reason for rejecting the proposed design was that the stamp is to commemorate a historical anniversary with which Mr. Borah had "no connection."

The Post Office Department announced that stamp sales through the Department's Philatelic Agency for the month of February totalled \$119,979.19.

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10 aur.	green (Herring)	
25 "	red (Codfish)	
45 "	blue (Geyser)	(R. Roberts)

INDIA — Chamba. Official Stamp. Undenoted stamp of India, overprinted "CHAMBA STATE SERVICE":

2a. vermilion (small die)

Jaipur. The 1938 provisional (Scott's #48) was originally issued in December of that year. It was only on sale about a week, no more were obtainable, and it became quite a scarce stamp. It is, however, once again current. Whether this is a new printing, or a re-issue of the original, we cannot say. The shade is rather different, but shades in Indian stamps are not conclusive evidence, so the price falls to normal again.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

Travancore. New Postage Stamps were issued on November 9, 1939, to synchronize with the 27th birthday of His Highness the Maharajah. Printed in the Travancore Government Printing Works, by means of the Letterpress method:

1ch. green (Ashtamudi Lake, Palace in background)

1½ch. red

2ch. orange

3ch. brown (Bust of His Highness)

4ch. terra cotta (Sree Padmanabha Swami Temple)

7ch. blue (View of Cape Comerlin)

14ch. green (Pachipara Irrigation Reservoir)

(Whitfield, King & Company)

ITALY — Parcel Post Stamps. Type of 1927-36. Typographed, perf. 13, wmkd. crowns:

PP3—5c. brown
" 10c. blue
(Columbus Postage Stamp Company)

LUXEMBURG — Semi-Postals. Commemorating 20 years reign and marriage. Engraved, upright rectangular 28 x 36 mm., perf. 14 x 13½, printed on unwatermarked, thick yellowish carton paper. Number printed noted after each:

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35c. "	10c. blue (Prince Felix)	100,000
70c. "	20c. gray (Grand Duchess Charlotte)	80,000
1fr. "	25c. red (same as 10c.)	50,000
1.25fr. "	75c. purple (same as 35c.)	50,000
1.75fr. "	1.50fr. ultramarine (same as 70c.)	50,000

The above set was due to be withdrawn from sale January 31st.

Minature Sheet. The three higher values of the above set were also to be issued in a small sheet. Only 40,000 sheets were to be printed. Colors not known at this writing, but the values are:

2fr. Prince Jean	
3fr. Prince Felix	
5fr. Grand Duchess Charlotte	

(R. Roberts)

LIECHTENSTEIN — New High Values. Engraved, perf. 12, on thick unwatermarked, yellow cartridge paper. Printed in sheets of 12 (3 x 4):

2fr. green	
3fr. blue	

(R. Roberts)

MEXICO — Official Stamp. Regular stamp of 1934 overprinted in black "OFICIAL." Wmkd., Scott's style #156, perf. 10½:

A82 — 4c. green	
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(Scott's Monthly Journal)

Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx

Chairman of the Board Judge Gehlbach, and the Commander-in-Chief, Col. Hooper, will attend the Fifth Annual Convention and Exhibition of the joint Indiana-Kentucky Philatelic Societies to be held April 19 to 21, at the Hotel Claypool, Indianapolis, Indiana. This will be the first contact with our mid-South Phalanx members, and all old-timers and members are invited. Major L. Payne, Phalanx state commander, will be chairman of the P.P.P.

Gimbels, New York City, have scheduled Col. Hooper to speak before the Gimbel Stamp Club, at the May meeting. Invite also from the Gimbel's to hold an old-timers rally and luncheon in their immense auditorium, has been accepted.

From Ernest G. Jarvis, president of the Kenmore Stamp Club, and officials of the Buffalo Philatelic Society, comes two invitations to Col. and Mrs. Hooper, to visit Kenmore and Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Jarvis writes, "In both instances you will be most welcome, and we will look forward to a visit from you. Congratulations upon the fine things you are doing for Stamp Collecting."

Wm. M. Stuart and Aug. Dietz, offi-

cials of the Phalanx old-timers executives, have been requested to take charge of the assembly of old-timers, which will be held one day ahead of the Centenary of the Postage Stamp at Washington, D. C., so as not to interfere with the program already projected for May 1 to 6.

Other invitations already accepted, and placed upon the itinerary are the Midwest annual philatelic exhibition, Kansas City, Apr. 3 to 6. Bison Philatelic Club, Buffalo, N. Y.; joint Cleveland (Ohio) Rally, Major M. B. King, chairman; West New York Stamp Club, N. J.; World's Fair Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx Day, New York, date to be set; New Jersey Federation of Philatelic Clubs, Passaic, May 2 to 7; N. Y. Centenary of the Penny Black, May 7 to 12; visit to the Hot Stove League and Michigan State Fair, Detroit, Michigan.

• Postmasters of smaller Canadian post offices, whose salary is a commission on stamps they sell, are also paid a commission on all postage due stamps used at their office.

• 50 pfennigs (about 12c) was enclosed in each bag of mail dropped from the early Zeppelin flights; this sum being payment for anyone finding such sacks to take them to the nearest post office.

Collector's Club Meeting

The Collector's Club of Akron will be host May 4 to some 100 members and invited guests of this monthly dinner club whose membership is limited to a "round table" group. The meeting will be held at the Akron City Club, to celebrate the centenary of postage stamps.

First Day Calendar

SCIENTISTS	Denom.	Person	Place	Date
	10c	Addams	Chicago, Ill.	April 26
COMPOSERS	1c	Foster	Bardstown, Ky.	May 3
	2c	Sousa	Washington, D. C.	May 3
OTHER STAMPS				

NOTE:—Covers should not be sent postmaster earlier than 30 days prior to first day. For this reason we print only the partial list of Famous Americans stamps.

Auction Calendar

April 20—Sale at the ATEX show at Colonization Manor Hotel, Atlantic City. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

Apr. 24-25—U. S. and Possessions. Uptown Stamp Co., 140L W. 42nd St., New York City.

April 26—U. S., Foreign. Fred E. Farmham, 208 David Stott Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

April 30, May 1—U. S., Foreign. J. C. Morganthau & Co. Inc., 1 W. 47th St., New York City.

May 20—General. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.

• Some postmasters have trouble correctly setting meter machines and an instance where a postmaster set a machine for twice the amount of postage paid him was recently reported. The omnidenomination meters print postage paid in multiples of half-a-cent, the cause of confusion.

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Source of Designs for Composers Stamps



The origin of the material used and the designers and engravers for the stamps of the Composers group of the Famous Americans series were announced today by Postmaster General James A. Farley, as follows:

1c Stephen Collins Foster—Photograph of tintype submitted by the Indianapolis Photo Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. Designer: William A. Roach. Engravers: Frame—Carl T. Arlt; Portrait—Gilroy Roberts; Lettering—William B. Wells.

2c John Philip Sousa—Photograph by Harris & Ewing, Washington, D. C. Designer: William A. Roach. Engravers: Frame—Carl T. Arlt; Portrait—Charles A. Brooks; Lettering—William B. Wells.

3c Victor Herbert—Photograph furnished by the White Studios, New York City, New York. Designer: William A. Roach. Engravers: Frame—Carl T. Arlt; Portrait—Carl T. Arlt; Lettering—William B. Wells.



5c Edward A. MacDowell—A half-tone reproduction of photograph obtained from the Public Library, Washington, D. C. Designer: William A. Roach. Engravers: Frame—Carl T. Arlt; Portrait—John Eissler; Lettering—William B. Wells.

10c Ethelbert Nevin—A half-tone reproduction of photograph in a book entitled: Ethelbert Nevin, by John Tasker Howard, obtained from the Public Library, Washington, D. C. Designer: William A. Roach. Engravers: Frame—Carl T. Arlt; Portrait—Leo C. Kauffman; Lettering—William B. Wells.

Scrapbook Clippings

We frequently receive requests for back numbers of LINN'S, which we cannot supply, as only small quantities of each issue are kept and those are soon exhausted. Readers who make a practice of clipping copies for scrapbooks might well avoid the difficulties arising from running across items on both sides of the same page, by subscribing for two copies. It only costs 25¢ more per year for the extra copy and a number have found that a good way to insure having all clippings. Buying a few separate copies would soon cost much more than the extra 25¢. We cannot, we might mention, any longer supply all the back numbers with biographies of the Famous Americans, which started last November and have been printed weekly.

One stamp in each sheet of 100 of the 50,000 mark unissued Danzig air mail stamp of 1923 was in error a 10,000 mark denomination and when the sheets were overprinted for use as 5,000,000 mark stamps the error was not removed.

Over 250 frames were shown at the recent New Orleans exhibition, the best attended, they report, yet held at the Crescent City.

On April 30 the post offices of BACHELOR, Lake County, Calif., and CARTER and WAUTAUGA VALLEY, Carter County, Tenn., are to be discontinued.

Only one sheet of 50 was issued of the 6¢ green Hawaii overprinted with Provisional Government 1893 overprint in black instead of red.

A new terminal post office will be dedicated at Los Angeles in May and a cachet provided if covers are sent to William Elliott, Box 824, Hollywood, Calif.

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1c Foster	Bardstown, Ky., May 3
2c Sousa	Washington, D. C., May 3
3c Herbert	New York, N. Y., May 13
5c MacDowell	Peterborough, N. H., May 13
10c Nevin	Pittsburgh, Pa., June 10

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NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY

Almost invariably articles of a philatelic nature gotten out by regular newspaper people hew true to form in that the truth on the subject is handled recklessly and exaggerations and misinformation is the regular order of things. The editor of the stamp page of the New York Herald Tribune composed a rather lengthy article about precancels for the March 17th issue. The article could have been a good constructive missive had the editor taken the pains or time to have a real Precancel man read over his endeavor. Generally the article is accurate enough but when he starts to explain the why and wherefore of bureaus and states 250,000 coils and 500,000 sheet stamps must be ordered. Quoting "With such a supply the price of individual specimens can rarely exceed a few cents apiece." That killed all the good things said. Later on in the article mention is made about the errors and the SPRINGFIELD error is attributed to Massachusetts instead of ILLINOIS. These things could have quickly been corrected by any real precancel collector and a good and worthwhile article could have been presented to the public, but the blood of a true newspaper man runs in the veins of the editor and another article of the same type we have suffered so long was foisted upon the stamp reading public.

PRECANCEL FORUM

Came in the other day with a 1c Vincennes, Ind., Pres. U-12. Have you got your copy yet? This magazine bids fair to be as interesting as the Midwest News but the publishers intend to keep within their means. A very interesting article by Al Jones on the craze for Presidential bureaus. Here is an excerpt which speaks the truth pure and simple.

Too much attention centered on any one group of precancels throws the complete picture out of balance. If equal interest could be shown in old-type, new-type and presidential bureaus and then also city-type precancels not be neglected, that would be the ideal situation but the ideal is difficult, if not impossible, of being achieved.

THIS AND THAT

Presidential city types. 3c Saint Petersburg, Fla., U-5; 11c and 14c Reading, Pa., usual electro; 20c Long Island City U-8; ½c Missoula, Mont., U-12N.—1c Jeffersonville, Ohio, on the Horace Mann, U-121 type.—One big error made by opponents of NET pricing is that they consider the price set as the only price used. In all NET PRICED CATALOGS there can be as much flexibility as in a DISCOUNT catalog.—Have noted some revival recently in the Bi-Centennial issue. A good time to go after them now when the heat of competitive collecting has died down and attention is being centered on something else.

—You can liken the Presidential Bureau Craze to the Commemorative splurge in general U. S. issues and it has about the same ill effect on the dealer.—Is the 30c Seattle B90 as scarce as they claim? Have you got yours yet?—I haven't either.

CENTRAL OHIO MEET

The regular meeting of the Central Ohio Precancel club, April 21st, Hotel Chittenden, Columbus, Ohio. New officers were elected and a big turn-out is expected. If you want to see stamps and get in a high pressure meet just come to one of these conclaves.

UNLISTED PRECANCELS

Harold P. Piser of Flushing, N. Y., an ardent general collector who has an outstanding general collection and who does considerable trading has come up against the vexing question of pricing unlisted precancels. Any general collector knows that it is simply an impossibility to keep up the catalog with the many new varieties, but since he has some and the fellow he trades with has some as well as catalogued items they must agree on some sort of a basis for a barter. Mr. Piser states that almost every collector has a different system and here are some of the systems Mr. Piser has come up against. One collector adds five cents to the price of the same denomination of the previous issue. (What if that denomination wasn't used in the previous issue?) Another subtracts five; another places an arbitrary figure of 35c on all unlisted items regardless of denomination. Three other collectors use arbitrary figures of 20, 25 and 30c. Therefore, Mr. Piser would like to hear from traders, their systems, and he hopes to evolve from these a workable system that may be used by all in handling unlisted precancels. Write H. P. Piser, 41-08D Parsons Blvd., Flushing, N. Y.—Comment:

It would seem to me that if such a solution is found you also would have found a solution for a simplified catalog about which we heard so much last winter. The problem attacked from the above angle is really difficult, but when reduced to the more basic form of barter alone it becomes simplified. I did considerable trading myself at one time and most of the collectors I traded with I guess were traders at heart, too, so we traded on a stamp for stamp basis, making a few divisions like the 13s, 14s, 17s and 25s being in a class and sometimes dividing it a little finer in that the 17s and 25s were on a par and the other two values in a class, too. Commems, dollar values and electro doubles were made on a separate basis, too, but since there were few of these they bothered no one. After a year's trading in this manner I doubt if one or the other of us traders had beaten the other fellow a dollar's worth of stamps. Since each would have been willing to lose that much or more to get stamps he needed no concern was given

to that aspect at all and everybody seemed happy. Of course this is getting rather "primitive" to trade in this manner but it saved a lot of time pricing and fussing over fixing up your trading material.

British Empire News

Through courtesy of the KenMore Stamp Co. we are enabled to have information on the latest changes in British Empire stamps. Ascension will have a 4d added to the current series and the 3d will have its colors changed. Australia will issue a Queensland centenary stamp or stamps, and also will provide new varieties to meet changed postal rates by either surcharging or adding new stamps to the regular series. Canadians of the French-Canadian Associations in Montreal are reported trying to have a joint issue of stamps for Canada and France, similar to the issue now in prospect in England and France. British Solomon and Gilbert & Ellice Islands will receive new sets of postage due stamps, first ever issued there, consisting of 8 values from 1d to 1/6. New Zealand has issued the new 8d of the Centenary set overprinted for Official use. The 7d which it replaced was not issued in that form. St. Helena will also add an 8d to its regular issue and change the color of the 3d.

All of the above changes of denominations are caused by the war's effect on postal rates. Britain itself may issue the first semi-postal stamp if pleas for a Red Cross issue are heeded.

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military surgeon of his time and ignorance was hard to overcome despite the high percentage of casualties in the army from disease. Sanitation was poor and Reed's chance came during the Spanish-American War when disease killed more soldiers than enemy bullets and forced investigations. In 1893 he had been appointed curator of the Army Medical Museum at Washington and was considered by the time of the war one of the leading bacteriologists, with a marked ability to trace the origins of epidemic diseases. His reports as head of a commission investigating typhoid prevalence among troops, and later yellow fever in Cuba, were the groundwork that led to banishment of these diseases. He proved the true cause of yellow fever epidemics and this scourge of Cuba for three centuries was ended and the Atlantic seaboard of the U. S. freed from perpetual fear of it. The fly was first fully recognized as a carrier of typhoid and sanitation methods recommended by Reed ended this menace. After the war and these duties were completed he was appointed professor at the Army Medical school and also at Columbian (now George Washington) University, but death caused by appendicitis cut short his career, Reed dying at Washington on Nov. 22, 1902. Married April 25, 1876, he was survived by his wife, a son (now a Major General) and a daughter.

Kenmore Centenary Celebration

During the period May 4 to 8 inclusive, the Kenmore Philatelic Society will hold a Centenary celebration at Kinsey and Delaware Avenues, showing the hundred years in postage stamps. This will be the first exhibition held by this society and in view of the fact that the club is situated in a building of English design and which also houses the Kenmore Stamp Company, dealers in British Colonials only, the exhibition will be one of the finest held in America at that time. Famous Collectors as well as members will send their collections for display and arrangements have been made to place loud speakers on the tower of the building as well as in the club rooms, so as to hook up with the National Federation of Stamp Clubs International broadcast so that all of the citizens will have an opportunity to hear the President as well as other notables who will participate in this great broadcast Sunday evening, May 5th, details of which have been worked out by the Federation in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company.

* Stamps of the French empire, cancelled with a dotted cancel including the letters "CEM" are stamps used by members of the "Corps Expeditionnaire de Mexique" which from 1862-67 were busy trying to establish a Mexican Empire.

Hartford Celebrates Centenary

During the week of May 6 to 11 the Stamp Collectors Club of Hartford, Conn., will celebrate the Postage Stamp Centenary with an exhibition in their club rooms, and possibly sale at that location of the centenary stamp (if issued) with special cachet by the club. Open house will mark the week of celebration.

World-Wide Philatelic Convention at Detroit

More than 15,500 square feet of floor space will be occupied by the Second World-Wide Exhibition October 24, 25, 26 and 27, Elmer B. Cookson, 602 Free Press Building, Detroit, exhibition chairman, announced today.

The entire fourth floor of Detroit's large Book-Cadillac Hotel has been reserved for 1940's largest philatelic event.

More than 3,200 album pages in 12 classifications will be displayed, Cookson said. In addition, there will be all sorts of allied exhibits such as supplies and all the tools of the hobby.

The classifications, as laid out by Cookson, will be: Nineteenth Century, Twentieth Century, Commemoratives, Postal Markings, Precancels, and Covers, all in the United States division; British Empire, General Foreign, Specialized Foreign, Airmails, Airmail Covers, and Miscellaneous groups.

Exhibitor's fee will be \$1.00 a frame. The World-Wide frame measures 36 by 48 inches and accommodates 16 album pages.

Judging will be done on the point basis. Thirty points will be allowed for philatelic knowledge, 20 for completeness, 20 for presentation, 20 for condition, and 10 for rarity. Judges will be philatelists of recognized ability.

All entries must be in Cookson's hands not later than Oct. 5.

More than half of the bourse tables have been reserved, according to Benjamin A. Nevison, 8012 Grand River Ave., Detroit, general chairman.

Chicago Exhibition

AUSTIN PHILATELIC CLUB is to have a philatelic window in connection with the 7th annual exhibition of that club, to be held May 2, 3 and 4, 1940, at the Austin Town Hall, Central Ave. at Lake Street. Collectors in Chicago-land are urged to take advantage of this facility in connection with the show.

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An exhibit of 250 frames, bourse, auction, regional congress, and a host of other features will make up the program of the Fifth Annual Convention of stamp clubs in Indiana and Kentucky to be held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 19-21, 1940.

As a special educational feature, the "Philatelic Medley" formed by Rev. W. H. Tower, Montclair, New Jersey, will be shown on the mezzanine floor of the Claypool during the entire week preceding the convention. Arrangements have been completed with Indianapolis school officials to permit special excursions of school children during the week to view the exhibit. A school children's afternoon has been arranged for Friday afternoon during which special attention will be given to showing the younger folks through the show.

The bourse is limited to 20 tables, most of which have already been reserved by dealers drawn from a wide area. Horace Currier, 4152 Graceland Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, is chairman of the bourse.

J. Marshall English, New Albany, will be the convention auctioneer. Some 200 lots are expected to go under the hammer at this interesting session on Friday night.

Featuring the Saturday night banquet will be the address of Mannel Hahn, widely-known philatelic author, editor, and lecturer. His recent book, "So You're Collecting Stamps," is receiving wide attention from stamp collectors everywhere. A roast turkey dinner will satisfy the inner man—and woman.

Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx members from these two states will gather in sessions on Thursday night, April 18, and again on Sunday afternoon and evening, April 21, to welcome their commander and his wife, Col. and Mrs. J. A. Hooper, Los Angeles, and Judge and Mrs. Chas. L. Gelbach, of Illinois. Judge Gelbach is chairman of the P. P. P. Board. Membership rolls of the Phalanx show some 60 members in Indiana and Kentucky.

Trophies have been donated by the following: Circle Stamp and Coin Shop, Indianapolis, a trophy cup to be awarded

for the exhibit showing the greatest amount of philatelic knowledge and research; Col. George J. Frerichs, Louisville, a cup for the best exhibit of territories; and the Grand Award Trophy given by James W. Shaver.

At the Regional Congress on Sunday afternoon papers will be presented by Dr. F. Tulley Hallam, Prof. Sidney R. Esten, and the Farley Stamp Club of St. Joseph's College. The Congress Trophy, a beautiful modeled world representing the ramifications of stamp collecting, has been donated by Le Grand Payne, Indianapolis, "Dean of Indiana Collectors."

James W. Shaver, Logansport, Indiana, is in general charge of all convention arrangements. W. H. Wheeler, Mrs. A. F. Eiteljorg, and Horace Currier, all of Indianapolis, make up the general committee in charge of local arrangements.

Canada Celebrates Centenary

Ernest G. Jarvis, President of the World Wide Philatelic Association, will be the speaker at the combined Toronto-Hamilton-Buffalo Annual Party to be held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Saturday, May 4th.

This party which is one of Stampdom's principal annual affairs, is usually attended by several hundred collectors from Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, Montreal and other cities, in addition to the combined Tri-Club Association. An Exhibition, Bourse, and Banquet will be held as usually and the fact that Mr. Jarvis, a speaker of unusual ability and the world's largest dealer in British Colonial stamps, will address this gathering assures an unusual turnout. His subject will be "Not in the Catalogue."

Saranac Lake Exhibition

The Whiteface Stamp Club of Lake Placid, N. Y., will hold its second annual exhibition on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5 in the Town Hall auditorium, Saranac Lake, N. Y. There are a number of classes, with ribbons being prepared for winners, both juniors and seniors. No charge is to be made for entries, but exhibitors must supply their own frames. The bourse will be limited to trading, with plenty of tables for that purpose, and an auction will be held. Further information from Harold J. Mussen, 15 Cascade Rd., Lake Placid, N. Y.

* The postoffices of Sebago, Maine, Locust, Mo., and Ruth, Va., are to be discontinued April 30.

* Norman Serphos, President of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., will be the speaker at the May 6 Stamp Centenary meeting of the Flushing Stamp Club at Hotel Sanford, Flushing, N. Y. An exhibition, as well as delegations from nearby clubs are expected.

BROADWAY CHATTER

B Y B I S T A N D E R

Despite the frequent rumors that the first set of the Famous American series, the Educators, was called off sale, supplies are still plentiful and it is my opinion that there are many more to come.

I have stressed the fact that the good foreign sets are leaving the country as a medium of exchange. This fact was sharply brought home when a European New York dealer, a man known for his extremely close-fisted dealings, purchased an Austrian WIPA miniature sheet for \$51.00. This sheet till the past few months sold on the average of \$40.00 per sheet. A person close to this dealer told me that he is getting \$70.00 for this sheet in Hungary. The better grade Austrians have entirely disappeared from the New York market. Another striking example of this foreign exchange dealing has increased the wholesale price of the 10 Shilling Dolfuss stamp of Austria to a new high of \$27.00.

The long awaited stamps from Germany have finally arrived. This set, known as the Leipzig Fair, has been due for the past month, and because of the blockade and other hazards in sending these stamps to America this delay was necessitated. Advices from Switzerland, Netherland and Belgium indicate that this set may be a limited issue as the German government is preparing to issue a multitude of stamps giving each issue a short monetary postage value.

Listening in on various discussions the past week, it was humorous to hear again how the Tripe club was organized here in New York. As the story goes, it seems that Emil Brueching, prominent air mail specialist, liked tripe, that he had it every Thursday at a certain restaurant. As time went on other dealers gathered about this table, and this club was organized. Latest reports indicate that the diet has been changed from tripe to spaghetti. At these famous Thursday

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In honor of the issuance of the 10c B. T. Washington stamp the College station post office here in New York's colored district has planned a celebration in honor of the first negro ever to be portrayed on a U. S. postage stamp. The Post Office band has been notified to appear at that station in order to participate in the celebration.

Wisconsin Federation Celebrates Stamp Centenary

At Racine, Wisc., in the Hotel Racine, on May 3, 4, 5 will be held the Ninth Annual State Convention, exhibition and bourse of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. Local host is the Belle City Stamp Club, with W. L. Clunie, 1435 Owen Ave., as Exhibition Chairman. Entry blanks are obtainable of him, the entry fee per frame being 25¢ which includes insurance during the exhibition, deadline for application being April 25. The banquet will be on Saturday evening at 6:30, \$1.25 per plate and members of the state clubs may submit to Norman J. Flynn, 2000 Grange Ave., lots for the auction which will follow the banquet.

An attractive poster stamp has been prepared in sheets of 24, selling at 10¢ singly, 25¢ a block or \$1.25 per sheet. Orders should be sent G. T. Colman, 615 Cleveland Ave., Racine. A cachet will also be sponsored by the club. A great effort is being made to make this the outstanding convention as the occasion is the centenary of postage stamps.

Oklahoma City Exhibition

The Oklahoma Philatelic Society and the Oklahoma City Stamp Club (the host club) join in extending to every stamp collector a cordial invitation to attend the fifth annual convention of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society and its exhibit, to be held at the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, May 3, 4 and 5, and to take part in the centennial of the Penny Black, the first adhesive postage stamp. This invitation is extended by F. M. Wood, President O.P.S., and A. C. Townsend, President O.C.S.C.

• The Bronx County Stamp Club found so many fine entries in its question and answer contest that an additional judge had to be called in. Miss Beatrice Hall of Wallaston, Mass., was awarded first prize.

Pueblo Organizes Club

On March 21 organization of a stamp club was completed at Pueblo, Colo. The new club chose the name, "The Progressive Stamp Club," and started with 21 members. The club wants to interest all collectors of southern Colorado and these persons should contact the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Webster, 821 W. 14th St., Pueblo. Location of meetings was not stated. The first exhibition is planned for next Fall.

- The post office of South Hanson, Mass., will change its name to "Hanson" on May 1.
- The 100th anniversary of the postage stamp will be celebrated by a joint meeting of the New York Life and Metropolitan Stamp clubs on Monday, May 6.
- A new stamp store was to be opened at Elizabethville, Pa., about April 15 by Ralph Lehman, Jr. Mr. Lehman will stock Linprint Products and will be glad to show these items to collectors of the vicinity.

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